

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Final Office Action (“Action”), Applicants traverse the Examiner’s rejection of the claims and seek reconsideration thereof. Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 20 and 21 remain withdrawn. Claims 18-19 and 22-23 are rejected. In this response, claims 18-23 are cancelled, no claims are amended and no claims are added.

I. Claim Amendment

Previously withdrawn claims 20-21 are cancelled herein. Rejected claims 18-19 and 20-21 are also cancelled. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the amendments.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

In the outstanding Action, claims 18, 19, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Beaumont. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Although Applicants do not agree with the rejections raised by the Examiner, in the interest of expediting prosecution on this case, Applicants have cancelled claims 18, 19, 22 and 23 thereby rendering the rejection on this basis moot.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 3-11 and 13-17.

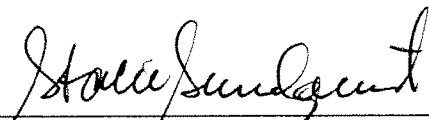
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely claims 1, 3-11 and 13-17, are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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